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PURPOSE

This Administrative Bulletin announces the establishment and implementation of the California Department of Corrections' (CDC) Drug Reduction Strategy. The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a comprehensive and standardized drug interdiction enforcement plan designed to eliminate the availability and use of illicit drugs within CDC institutions.

BACKGROUND

Analyses of factors associated with prison population growth indicate that substance abuse has been a strong contributing factor during the past 15 years.

In response, CDC developed the Drug Reduction Strategy with funding approved by the State Legislature. The Drug Reduction Strategy was produced by the Office of Substance Abuse Programs in cooperation with CDC Wardens, Regional Parole Administrators, Institutions Division and the Technology Transfer Committee.

DRUG REDUCTION STRATEGY

The primary goal of the Drug Reduction Strategy is to establish an integrated, comprehensive and standardized interdiction design to eliminate the use, possession, manufacture and distribution of illicit drugs within the California prison system. The following provides a brief description of each component of the Drug Reduction Strategy:

- **Project Prison Sites**

The Drug Reduction Strategy will be initially implemented at three prison sites. The institutions that have been selected to participate in the project are the California State Prison (CSP) - Solano, Ironwood State Prison and Pleasant Valley State Prison. Mule Creek State Prison has also been selected to participate in the project as a control site.

- **Drug Control Staff**

Dedicated drug control staff will be integrated into the Investigative Services Units (ISU) at the project prison sites. These staff members will provide expertise in the use of drug detection equipment and video monitoring systems, and will provide training to other institutional staff. Staff specifically responsible for the collection and processing of random urinalysis samples will be placed at each project institution.



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- **Drug Interdiction Equipment and Procedures**

The use of contraband control and drug detection equipment is an essential component for achieving a drug-free environment within the correctional setting. Electronic contraband control and drug detection equipment will be purchased and placed in strategic locations in order to stop and/or intercept the flow of drugs into inmate accessible areas. Local procedures will be developed to provide specific information regarding the use, training requirements and maintenance of these devices.

Closed circuit video monitoring systems will also be installed in visiting areas. These systems offer digital zoom, 360-degree scanning, photography, and multi-screen observation capabilities.

- **Canine Unit**

A canine unit will be established and integrated into the drug interdiction enforcement plan at CSP-Solano. The canine unit will be used to locate drugs within the institution and as a deterrent factor. The unit will consist of two dogs with a designated handler for each dog. The handler positions will be staffed with either a correctional sergeant or qualified correctional officer. The unit will utilize an on-site kennel and two specially equipped vehicles. Canine unit staff will be part of the institution's existing ISU.

- **Sanctions, Policies and Procedures**

All current departmental policies and procedures designed to deter individuals from introducing, distributing or using illicit drugs in CDC institutions will be enforced. In addition, the Drug Reduction Strategy may propose additional sanctions via the regulatory process, and the establishment of policies and procedures to locate and identify drugs prior to their entry into or within the institutions.

- **Information Network**

The project sites are to be linked with an information network designed to give ISU staff the ability to track drug-related activities outside as well as within the institution. Designated staff will be provided access to a substantial database of information in order to identify how illicit drugs are being introduced into institutions. The database will be used to track activities associated with inmate trust accounts, telephone calls, mail correspondence, quarterly packages and visiting information.



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- **Random Urinalysis Drug Testing**

Random urinalysis drug testing operational procedures will be established at each project institution that will require random testing of inmates on a weekly basis. In addition, urinalysis tests will be conducted on any inmate for cause.

Random urinalysis testing will be administered in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 3, Section 3290, and the Department Operations Manual Section 52010. Random testing will be conducted a minimum of four days per week utilizing a proven computer program to ensure the integrity of random selection. Only staff properly trained and certified in the collection and processing of urinalysis samples shall be involved with the urinalysis process.

- **Drug Reduction Strategy Task Force**

A task force chaired by the Chief Deputy Director, Field Operations, will oversee the development and implementation of the Drug Reduction Strategy. This task force will include representatives from Institutions Division, Parole and Community Services Division, Health Care Services Division, Legal Affairs Division, Legislative Liaison, the Office of Labor Relations, the Law Enforcement and Investigations Unit, and the Office of Substance Abuse Programs. The task force will monitor and evaluate the progress of the Drug Reduction Strategy operation and, if necessary, amend policies and procedures, and propose legislation that may be necessary to implement the strategy on a statewide basis.

- **Research and Evaluation**

The research and evaluation component of the Drug Reduction Strategy will be conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles, Drug Abuse Research Center. Research staff will collect, analyze and interpret data in order to assess the effectiveness, cost benefit, and program outcome of the Drug Reduction Strategy. At the conclusion of the project, a final report based on this study will be prepared and presented to the Director of Corrections with any recommendations deemed necessary for implementing a Drug Reduction Strategy at all CDC institutions.

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